increase of sustainable employment, to ensure that the North Eastern States and Sikkim join the mainstream of national growth. Towards this end, a Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources has also been constituted for assisting development projects, including in the infrastructure sector, in the North East and Sikkim.

Certain projects (including some recommended by the Shukla Commission) have since been identified for assistance from the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources and funds released during the financial year, 1998-99. The developmental objectives of the North Eastern States (and Sikkim) are also being appropriately pursued through the Five Year Plans and Annual Plans of these States and of the Central Ministries and Organisations.

Amount of Plan Allocation for North-East States

2762. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) state the amount of Ninth Five Year Plan allocation of the North-East Region on State-wise basis with annual plan outlay 1999-2000;

(b) whether the 10 per cent cut from Central Ministries/Department will be adjusted to the allocation of plan funds; and

(c) how far the allocation of Ninth Five Year Plan can be helpful to the States of North-East Region to bring up to the National average of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The indicative Outlays for the Ninth Plan (1997—2002) and the Annual Plan, 1999-2000 in respect of the North-Eastern States are as follows:

Name of State	Ninth Plan, 1997—2002 (Rs. Crore)	Annual Plan, 1999-2000 (Rs. Crore)
1	2	3
1. Arunachal Pradesh	3569.89	665.00
2. Assam	8983.93	1750.00
3. Manipur	2426.69	475.00
4. Meghalaya	2500.62	Yet to be finalized
5. Mizoram	1618.57	360.00
6. Nagaland	2006.43	Yet to be finalized
7. Tripura	2577.39	Yet to be finalized

(b) and (c) Plan allocations are determined keeping in view the development needs of the States. For the North-East, the Central Ministries/ Departments (except those specifically exempted) are required to spend 10 per cent of their Annual Plan allocations in the North-Eastern Region. The amount so spent is not adjusted against the Plan allocations of the North-Eastern States.